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SUBJECT: JAPAN/CANADA NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HELD PRESS BRIEFING LATE ON 4/21 TO ANNOUNCE THAT GENERAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN JAPAN AND CANADA ON DISPUTE OVER REVISION OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT. APPARENTLY DETAILS OF WORDING ARE TO BE NEGOTIATED IN OTTAWA SOME TIME IN MAY, FOLLOWED BY SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT IN LATE JUNE. IT APPEARS DOUBTFUL, CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS OF SOME JAPANESE, THAT CANADIAN EMBARGO ON URANIUM SHIPMENTS WILL BE LIFTED UNTIL FINAL SIGNATURE IS OBTAINED.
2. IN ADDITION TO RELATIVELY WELL-KNOWN PROVISIONS ON BANNING DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES THROUGH USE OF CANADIAN MATERIALS OR EQUIPMENT, REQUIREMENT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRENGTHENING OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION MEASURES, REVERSION TO BILATERAL SAFEGUARDS IN EVENT OF LAPSE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS, AND NEED FOR CANADIAN AUTHORIZATION TO JAPAN FOR RETRANSFER OF MATERIALS TO THIRD COUNTRIES, AGREEMENT IS SAID TO ALSO LIMIT ENRICHMENT OF CANADIAN-FURNISHED URANIUM TO 20 PER CENT U-235 UNLESS SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FROM CANADA IS OBTAINED. AGREEMENT ALSO APPEARS TO CALL

FOR CANADIAN AUTHORIZATION OF REPROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL.
STRANGELY, SOME JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS INTERPRETED LAST
PROVISION TO MEAN THAT CANADA HAD AUTHORIZED JAPAN TO
REPROCESS SPENT FUEL OF CANADIAN ORIGIN, ALTHOUGH
KNOWLEDGEABLE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS KNOW FULL WELL THAT
THE CLAUSE IS OF SAME GENERAL FORM AS RESTRICTIVE CLAUSE
IN U.S.-JAPAN BILATERAL.

3. EMBASSY CHECK WITH INFORMED SAFEGUARDS OFFICIAL IN
GOJ REVEALED THAT THERE STILL MAY BE HANG-UPS IN REACHING
AGREEMENT ON WORDING. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WAS NOT YET CLEAR
TO GOJ OFFICIAL WHETHER JAPAN WOULD NEED CANADIAN APPROVAL
TO HAVE ENRICHMENT SERVICES PERFORMED BY USG.
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